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### PEOPLE OF THE DAY.

General John Peter Shindel Gobin, the new commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, is a prominent lawyer of Lebanon, Pa., who not only achieved a brilliant reputation as a soldier during the war, but who has been prominent in military affairs ever since. He enlisted as a private in 1861



COMMANDER IN CHIEF GOBIN.

and when he was mustered out, in January, 1866, he had won the brevet of brigadier general, having commanded a brigade in action. His many promotions were made for gallant services on the field of battle.

At the close of the war General Gobin settled in Lebanon and resumed his interrupted practice of law with much success. He also became interested in politics and after holding several minor offices was elected a state senator. He has been mentioned as a candidate for governor. General Gobin took an active part in the organization of the Grand Army, becoming a charter member of Sedgwick post No. 42. In 1886 he was elected commander of the state department. He is high up in Masonry also, having passed through all Knights Templar degrees and having held the offices of grand commander of the state and national grand master. He has been prominent as a national guardsman and in 1885 was appointed brigadier general of the Third brigade of the Pennsylvania militia.

Chicago Teacher—In what year did Columbus land?

Class—No answer.

Teacher—Come, can't any of you tell? Bright Boy—I don't remember the exact year, mum, but it was before the fire!—New York Weekly.

### OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

The Royalty of the Vaudeville World. Stole While Under Arrest—Passing of the Horse Car.

[Special Correspondence.]

Up to the present time the highest praise that could be accorded a vaudeville performer in this city, which is the center of this branch of the show business in this country, was to say that he "writes his own stuff." No matter how clever a performer might be he was put into total eclipse by a rival in the estimation of his colleagues if the rival "wrote his own stuff" and he did not do so. The ethics of the vaudeville profession, if there are any, have, however, been considerably changed by the advent of the continuous performance craze. Prior to that time each artist went on and did his or her turn and then told how his or her particular act had made the hit of the piece. Those who were considered high priced people sometimes insisted upon having their announcements put at the head of the bill in particularly conspicuous type, and in that way the term "headliner" arose.

But in several of the continuous performance houses, especially in this city, one "headliner" was not enough for the epicurean tastes of the classic patrons of these temples of art, and then some other plan had to be hit upon to distinguish between the common herd and those who were stars, either in their own or the manager's opinion. The question promised to be a particularly knotty one until the effort was made to lure the really great performers into the new haunts, when it was considered derogatory to the professional standing of a player to appear at a "continuous" house.

The Royalty of Vaudeville.

These really high priced people tilted their noses at an angle of 45 degrees when they were informed that they would be expected to show three times a day. The salary was all right. In most cases it was much larger than they had ever before received, but "Three times a day? Never!" Thus the matter adjusted itself. The managers, sooner than lose the services of these whom the public demanded, made this concession, with the result that the big people gave only two shows a day. Thus it happens now that if you are a vaudeville artist and are playing the continuous circuit you have only to demonstrate that you "do only two a day" to immediately establish yourself upon a pinnacle where your less fortunate brothers will gaze with awe from below at you. Thus are the weighty questions of the world settled quietly, while little things like wars are made much of by the big newspapers.

Stole While Under Arrest.

Many tales of merry thieves have been told, but the court officials of this city, who are familiar with the gentry, are, almost to a man, willing to admit that for unadulterated gall Benjamin Crookhoff cannot be excelled. Crookhoff was arrested for stealing \$4 worth of old rags from Pasquale Sparato, a junk dealer. While Crookhoff was behind the railing in the Essex Market police court waiting to be arraigned on a charge of larceny he picked up two penholders and placed them in his pocket. When he was placed at the bar, Magistrate Kudlich asked Court Officer Meyer to see what was bulging out from beneath Crookhoff's coat.

Meyer fished out a cup and saucer. This belonged to the janitor of the court building. While waiting for the arrival of the magistrate, Crookhoff ordered a can of coffee in the prison box. The

janitor served him. Crookhoff then placed the dishes beneath his coat and insisted that he had returned them.

"Look out for this man," said Magistrate Kudlich, "or else he will steal the courthouse. I believe the man is out of his mind. He looks and acts that way."

Passing of the Horse Car.

There will soon be no horse cars at all left in this city if the present rate of elimination is to continue. The work of laying the underground trolley for the Fourth and Park avenue surface road is progressing rapidly. More than 4,000 men are working daily on the job. Underground trolleys are also being put in on the Fifty-ninth street, Twenty-third street, Amsterdam avenue and Second avenue lines of the Metropolitan Traction company. A power plant is in process of construction between Ninety-fifth and Ninety-sixth streets on the East river, which, when completed, will be the largest plant of its kind in the world. The plant will supply the entire system.

There are 183 miles of the system to be changed from horse car lines to underground trolley lines, and the greater part of the work, it is believed, will have been completed by Nov. 1. The Fourth and Park avenue line will be opened through to the Harlem river by that time unless there is some delay in the construction of the new city sewer at Ninety-fourth street.

President Vreeland says that no attempt will be made to use compressed air for motive power. The lines will be run either by cable or electricity.

According to Acton Davies, Richard Mansfield has again changed his mind about "The First Violin." Three times this play has been put in rehearsal by Mr. Mansfield, and each time he tired of it before it reached a production. All of which, considering some of Mr. Mansfield's recent productions, goes to show that "The First Violin" must be a pretty good play. Mr. Mansfield now announces that he will open his season at the Fifth Avenue with a production of George Bernard Shaw's new play, "The Devil's Disciple." Richard would better decide to produce this play, no matter how bad he imagines it to be. If he doesn't, then he may as well make up his mind that he will have to make a friendly speech to his audience every evening to counteract the effect of the remarks which Mr. Shaw will have to make about him in the London Saturday Review. JOSEPH RUSSELL.

Relief For the Bigamist.

"Poor man, do you have to go around chained to that other man all the time?" "Don't waste any sympathy on me now. Before I got in here I was chained to seven women."—Chicago Record.

Cheap.

"I never felt so cheap in all my life," said the gentleman behind the bars. Why should he not? He had just realized that his pal had given him away. —Indianapolis Journal.

Wisdom From Uncle Eben.

"Hit am er unfawehnit fack," said Uncle Eben, "dat de more reason a man hab foh indignation de less comfort he's gwinter git out of it."—Washington Star.

Retraction In Order.

Cholly Hedswelle—What's that you said? Whatever it was, you're a liar! Dick Dedswelle—I said you're no fool.—New York Journal.

Proof.

"Does he love her! Well, I should rather think so. Why, he let her learn to ride on his own wheel."

### A SAGACIOUS MULE.

He Was Willing to Work Full Hours, but No Overtime.

I once spent some months on a cotton plantation down in Mississippi. Fastened to the top of the ginhouse was a large bell. It had been the custom on this plantation, even before the war and up to the present time, for all hands to go to work and quit by the sound of this bell. The bell rang at 6 a. m., 12 m., 1 p. m. and 6 p. m. There was on the plantation a mule who had constituted himself a self-ordained and independent "labor organization." This cuss of a mule would not go to work until the bell rang. At 12 o'clock he would quit work at the first stroke of the bell, would not go to work again until the bell rang and would quit in the afternoon the moment the bell sounded. This may seem strange, but it is as true as gospel. The mule would not tighten his traces after the bell sounded at noon. No matter if he was in the middle of a cotton row in the field or pulling a wagon, he struck the moment the bell sounded. All the whipping and abuse you could heap upon him only made him more determined. He would stand and bray and kick at you as fast as his hind feet could fly and finally wind up by kicking himself out of harness.

One day his regular driver was sick, and the owner of the plantation put Uncle Sam, a new hand, who had only gone to work on this place the day before, to drive this team and haul seed cotton out of the field to the ginhouse. At noon the bell rang, and Pete struck for grub, as usual, half way between the field and the ginhouse. Uncle Sam wanted to go on to the ginhouse with the load before he unbarnessed for dinner, but Pete differed with him on this point. The old negro and the mule took up the whole noon hour trying to see which would have his way, and finally the mule came out victor. Uncle Sam had to give in and unbarnessed out in the field and went leading the mule to the house. The owner of the place and myself were watching the whole show and were enjoying it hugely. Uncle Sam led the mule up to where we stood in the barnyard and said, "Mars Bob, dis 'ere recified mule are dun struck for higher wages." The owner said, "Sam, that mule has been striking for higher wages for the last 20 years, but he has never got any advance yet."—Forest and Stream.

Her Poor Taste.

"Then she is not a woman of taste?" "No. I caught her admiring herself in the glass."—New York Journal.

HENRY D. PURROY EXPELLED. New York, Sept. 16.—County Clerk Henry D. Purroy has been expelled from the Democratic State committee by a vote of 45 to 1.

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CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET. Chicago, Sept. 16.—The leading futures ranged as follows:

Wheat—	Open.	Close.
December.....	93½	93½
May.....	94½	94½
Oats—		
December.....	22	21½
May.....	23	22½
Pork—		
October.....	8.12	8.17
Lard—		
October.....	4.42	4.52
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